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SUBJECT: CABINET APPROVES DRAFT ANTI-TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION

Classified By: Ambassador William T. Monroe for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

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(C) In separate meetings, Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs Jawad Al Arrayed and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Nizar Al Baharna both conveyed the news to the Ambassador that on May 13, the Cabinet gave final approval for draft anti-trafficking legislation to be delivered to the parliament. The Ambassador welcomed the news and expressed his hope for quick passage of the legislation. Al Baharna noted, however, that there was likely insufficient time left in the current parliamentary session to pass the legislation before the start of the summer recess at the end of May.

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